



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Woodside Road-Skywood Acres Shaded Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Un-sectioned portions of T6S, R4W, MDBM	COUNTY	San Mateo
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will utilize hand crews to create a shaded fuel break in forest dominated areas and a residual mosaic in shrub dominated areas on up to 196 acres along portions of Woodside Road/SR 84 from Skyline Blvd/SR 35 to Portola Road, on portions of Bear Gulch Road and on portions of Thornewood Open Space Preserve Access Roads, in addition to a 4-acre patch of eucalyptus removal along Woodside Road in Wunderlich County Park. Invasive and undesirable sprouting species may be treated with herbicide to prevent re-establishment in the project area. The shaded fuelbreak width will vary depending on terrain and fuel loads, extending up to approximately 50 feet from the edge on both sides of the aforementioned roads. On Woodside Road/SR 84, the fuelbreak extent shall reach up to edge of the Cal Trans right-of-way, which is typically 30 ft from road centerline, out to a maximum of 50' from road centerline. The project width will vary depending on the established right-of-way (fences), and landowner permissions. Some roadside areas will not be treated due to cut banks, light fuels, riparian setbacks or landowner requirements. Fire Safe San Mateo County will conduct outreach to educate and mobilize the community. Cal Trans will conduct traffic control while the project is occurring along Woodside Road/SR84. It is anticipated this project will be conducted periodically over several months, in the summers of 2017 and 2018.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The work proposed is a minor alteration to vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and is consistent with Categorical Exemption Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land. No activity is proposed that is listed as a limitation under CCR 15300.2 (a-f).

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Headquarters, 6059 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

8/30/17

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Date